

After the Euromissile vote: stop Lord Carrington

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On Nov. 21, the day of the Euromissile debate in the German Bundestag, the Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* carried a front-page article making it clear, once again, that Moscow's *casus belli* is President Reagan's policy of developing energy-beam weapons for strategic defense—and not the deployment of Euromissiles. One week earlier in *Pravda*, Marshal Dimitri Ustinov, the defense minister, argued most forcefully that the strategic defense policy announced by President Reagan on March 23, 1983 speech is what the Soviet leadership does not intend to allow to be realized. During that day, Soviet officials privately “leaked” to *EIR* that a new massive military acquisitions and R&D budget for 1984 will be revealed, dwarfing the current Soviet defense budget, which now is over 16 percent of the Soviet GNP.

These two types of items summarize the current Soviet military posture: 1) As announced by *Pravda*, Marshal Ustinov and, earlier, Andropov spokesman Fyodor Burlatski, the Soviet Union will go to thermonuclear war if the United States threatens to deploy strategic defense systems. 2) With its new defense budget, the Soviet Union is accelerating its program of developing and deploying space-based laser anti-missile weapons, a program estimated to be two years or more ahead of the United States.

Let there be no illusions in Western policy-making quarters. *There is only one, central and inviolate commitment of grand strategy of the Soviet State in its present form: The U.S.S.R. shall deploy anti-missile strategic defense lasers at the earliest possible time; the U.S.A. shall not be allowed to deploy such weapons even if it takes a thermonuclear war.*

As this Soviet strategic commitment was being made known to the world through the pages of *Pravda*, the West German parliament, the Bundestag, was engaged in passion-

ately debating the irrelevancy known as the “Euromissile deployment.” On Nov. 22, the Bundestag voted “yes” to the irrelevancy. On Nov. 24, the collectivized Soviet leadership, over the spurious signature of “Andropov,” retaliated against the irrelevancy by announcing its long-planned breakup of the Intermediate Nuclear Force negotiations at Geneva. As soon as the talks collapsed, the *New York Times* speculated that both nuclear superpowers may have placed their strategic missiles on a “launch-on-warning” status.

The following day, every United States embassy in Europe was placed on heightened security alert. American citizens, to their shock, saw road accesses to the White House and the State Department blocked with service trucks filled with sand for protection against possible dynamite-truck suicide assaults of the type used to blow up the Marine headquarters in Beirut.

The U.S.S.R. has made the decision to wage undeclared, covert war against the United States for the purpose of breaking our will in the matter of laser-based strategic defense. Terrorist assaults against U.S. and allied targets have increased worldwide and the threat levels have skyrocketed overnight. Senior NATO military intelligence sources confirm to *EIR* that the Soviet command is expected to employ its much feared Spetsnaz units for a campaign of sabotage and assassinations in NATO countries. Under the cover of scheduled civil disturbances in Western Europe, it is likely that such Spetsnaz units will attempt to conduct assassinations of key political and military personnel, and sabotage military command targets, communications installations, power grids, petroleum depots, pipelines, and transportation nodes.

Spetsnaz and kindred Soviet talents can only be deployed

against the West under two specific sets of circumstances: Either in the initial hours of pre-combat deployment, or under conditions of chaotic civil disturbances large enough to shake the foundations of organized social life in the West. Unless the world is already on a thermonuclear countdown, the Soviet command is currently counting on fomenting the maximum possible level of civil chaos in Western Europe. In this sense, from the moment of the breakdown of the Geneva talks onward, the activities of the mass communist parties of Western Europe, the French and the Italian CPs and their allied mass parties and trade unions, such as the elements of the Socialist Parties of West Germany, Italy, and Sweden under the influence of Willy Brandt, Bettino Craxi, Olof Palme, et al., ought to be viewed as extensions of current Soviet deployments.

The reason the Soviet command keeps harping on the Euromissile issue is that it needs a highly charged irrational emotional lever with which to manipulate the memberships of mass organizations over which its agents-in-place preside. Hence the theatrical walkout of Yuli Kvitsinski from the Geneva talks; hence the moralizing crudities of the so-called Andropov statement read by Soviet TV commentators to the Soviet viewing public—but meant to be heard by Western European audiences.

The Lord Carrington problem

Unless the Soviet leadership has already decided to proceed with a thermonuclear showdown within the remaining part of this year—a possibility not to be excluded—its current posture suggests that it is implementing a strategy of *terrorization by military threat* and diplomatic diktat designed to whip up a massive hysteria in Western European populations. This massive hysteria in turn is supposed to produce chaotic civil disturbances within which the Spetsnaz can deploy and try to take apart key elements of Western Europe's political-military command-and-control structure. This terrorization of Western Europe is supposed to facilitate the emergence of the appeasement policies of Lord Peter Carrington and his collaborators as hegemonic in the Western alliance.

Essentially, we find ourselves in a state of quasi-war with the collectivized, apparently headless Soviet command. That command's immediate objective is to force an early capitulation of the West to its demand that President Reagan's March 23 policy of beam-weapon defenses be abandoned. They expect such a capitulation to be signalled by the appointment of Lord Carrington as secretary-general of NATO in the course of December 1983—or by the appointment of a person committed to the same program of military capitulation. This "Carrington program" was announced in mid-November in an article in the Hamburg weekly *Die Zeit*, written by Carrington (and Kissinger) intimate Theo Sommer, in which the fundamental demand was spelled out for the Reagan administration: if the Carrington crowd in Europe had its "druthers," Europe will demand that the President scrap his March 23 program; otherwise "Europe" will bust up NATO and dissolve the Western alliance. (The Carrington-Sommer

program made no reference to the massive Soviet effort, now accelerating, to deploy laser beam anti-missile strategic defense systems.) In short, if Lord Carrington's policies are allowed to influence the alliance, the United States is faced with the choice: capitulate to the military superiority of the U.S.S.R. or see Europe abandon its alliance with the United States and form another with the U.S.S.R.

This, then, is how the Soviet command's timetable appears to be shaped at this time:

Phase One (the current phase): terrorization of the alliance by means of military actions, mass civil disturbances, terrorist acts, diplomatic blackmail, and surfacing of political agents. Objective is not merely to "split" Europe from the United States but to catapult pro-Soviet spokesmen in the NATO command from where they can dictate policy over the United States. The conclusion of Phase One is supposed to bring us rapidly in the weeks ahead to a branching point: either pro-Soviet spokesmen (e.g., Lord Carrington) take over the European side of NATO, or Europe accepts Reagan's March 23 program.

Phase Two has two variants depending on the resolution of the "branching point" of Phase One: if Lord Carrington's policies prevail over Europe, the United States is told to choose: either the March 23 policy or NATO. If the United States resolves to stick with President Reagan and his program, Western Europe becomes a formal or informal ally of the Soviet command—and places Western Europe's technological and scientific capabilities in the service of the Soviet military and scientific R&D program. The United States goes on a war mobilization. Second variant: Europe sides with President Reagan and his policies and joins America's effort to implement the beam defense program. The Soviets' bluff is called: will they go to war to substantiate the threats of Defense Minister Marshal Dimitri Ustinov?

Either way, it appears, the world is heading for war, ever since the Soviets announced that they prefer that rather than a United States defended by anti-missile laser beam weapons. The way out of this insanity remains the same as that offered by the President on March 23: the United States generously offered the Soviet Union the joint utilization and parallel deployment of these instruments which promise to render nuclear missiles harmless and impotent. That very same offer was repeated by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger during his press conference at the Pentagon on Nov. 21, the day of the Bundestag debate. The Soviet command again rejected the offer. They answered with a walkout from Geneva and with the preposterous so-called Andropov statement from Moscow television.

Unless the Soviet command is made to accept Reagan's offer for sharing these promising defensive technologies, this civilization is either going to be destroyed in a thermonuclear war or is going to be destroyed by an immoral and cowardly capitulation of the United States to the military blackmail of the collectivized, headless Soviet command. If anyone thinks otherwise, then he or she is uninformed, or too stupid, or too gutless to face the facts.